

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2751

Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano

February 19, 2010

An act to add Sections 33544 and 51882 to the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2751, as introduced, Ammiano. Schools: health education.

The Comprehensive Health Education Act of 1977 requires the State Department of Education to prepare and distribute to school districts guidelines for the preparation of comprehensive health education plans and, in cooperation with county offices of education that desire to participate, to assist school districts in developing comprehensive health education plans and programs.

This bill would require school districts that offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils to provide at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ procurement and tissue donation that would be designed to develop a knowledge of the potentially lifesaving achievement involved in organ and tissue transplantation.

The bill would require the State Board of Education and the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission to ensure that the health framework, evaluation criteria, and instructional materials adopted for pupils in grades 9 and 10 in the course of the next submission cycle following the date that this bill becomes effective include organ procurement and tissue donation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

(a) There are more than 100,000 people on the national organ transplant waiting list, and more than 21,000, or 21 percent, of those people live in California.

(b) Currently only 25 percent of applicants for California driver's licenses register as organ or tissue donors.

(c) Californians who apply for a California driver's license are asked whether they would like to donate their organs and tissue. It is important that, if we are asking that question, we are allowing the individual to make an informed decision.

(d) There is an urgent need to educate the public about organ and tissue donation.

SEC. 2. Section 33544 is added to the Education Code, to read:

33544. The state board and the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission shall ensure that the health framework, evaluation criteria, and instructional materials adopted for pupils in grades 9 and 10 in the course of the next submission cycle following the date that this section becomes effective include organ procurement and tissue donation.

SEC. 3. Section 51882 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51882. Commencing with the 2010–11 school year, a school district that elects to offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils shall provide at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ procurement and tissue donation designed to develop a knowledge of the potentially lifesaving achievement involved in organ and tissue transplantation. Nonprofit organ procurement organizations, including, among others, Donate Life California, may provide school districts with the information that will be provided through the instruction required pursuant to this section.